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In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: G. Garcia  
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: Group Art Unit: 2624  
Application No.: 10/813,006 )  
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Filed: March 31, 2004 )  
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For: IMAGE COMMUNICATION )  
APPARATUS AND CONTROL :  
METHOD THEREOF, )  
PROGRAM, AND STORAGE :  
MEDIUM ) March 7, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Japan 2003-060836  
Japan 2000-066972  
Japan 2001-211285  
Japan 2002-368815

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application corresponding to the above-identified application, namely Japan 2003-098042. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated September 12, 2005, along with its English translation, is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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